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- 25X1 1. South of Esztergom, near the cemetery on the road leading to Pilisszentlélek, there are large military barracks which were completed in 1950.
- 25X1 2. In the northeast corner of the camp there are two large buildings, about 80 x 20 m., which constitute the tank repair shop of the 7th Mechanized Division in Esztergom. The buildings, which have very large windows, stand about 30 meters apart and the space between them is used for the final assembly of the tanks under repair.
3. This workshop is commanded by a Hungarian engineer, Major Lajos Boros, and the officer in charge of reception (sic) is 1st Lieut. Ferenc Melics.
4. On 21 April 1952, 12 T-34 tanks were seen under repair and it was learned that "new drillings had to be made in the turrets"; no further details available.
5. The shop is divided into the following sections:
 - a. Armament section
 - b. Engine section
 - c. Chassis section
 - d. Electrical equipment section
 - e. Welding shop
 - f. Carpenters' shop.
6. There is a special branch railway line leading from the Esztergom station to the workshops for the transportation of the tanks and of the spare parts and materials used for repairing the tanks.

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7. The workshops are known to obtain their supplies of spare parts from the following factories:
 - a. Hofher Tractor and Machine Factory, Budapest: chassis and engine spares, gearwheels.
 - b. Rákosi Works: complete engines and components, bearings, rivets.
 - c. Diósgyőr: turret bearings, complete guns, new gun barrels.
 - d. Tractor and Machine Factory Pesterzsébet-Budapest: tracks.
 - e. "Pesti Dinamo": electrical turret-traversing and electrical lighting equipment.

- 25X1 8. the 1st Tank Regiment is located in the southern part of the barracks. The number of troops is estimated at about 1,000. This regiment is apparently equipped with about 60 tanks of the T-34 type and as many heavy trucks.
9. The 1st Tank Regiment was apparently scheduled to go to a summer camp in the Nógrád area at the beginning of May 1952.

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